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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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This is a petition for a three (3) month extension of time for responding to the office action for the above-identified application mailed from the U.S. Patent Office March 22, 2004. The office action set a three-month shortened statutory time period for response. This extension resets the deadline for response to September 22, 2004.

<p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</b> <b>UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date indicated below, with sufficient postage, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p>BY <u>Shannon R. Smith</u> <i>Shannon R. Smith</i></p> <p>DATE: <u>September 20, 2004</u></p>
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A response to the office action is being filed concurrently with this extension. A check in the amount of \$475 is enclosed to cover the fee. Please charge any additional fee, or credit any over-payment made, to Deposit Account 50-0573.

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